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economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa over the next five years, but key reforms face formidable political obstacles and will be adopted grudgingly, with occasional reversals that in some important cases—Liberia, Somalia, and Zaire, for example—will complicate US relations. Achieving selfsustaining growth is a distant goal that will require substantial Western assistance over many years; US bilateral aid is likely to play a diminishing role in influencing the reform effort, however, while the leverage of multilateral organizations will increase. The Soviet Union will manipulate African economic concerns for propaganda purposes but also is likely to further encourage Africans to seek Western aid.

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